

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 7, 9-11, 15-19, 22-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the claimed autoloading pistol with firing pin blocking magazine disconnect comprising a frame, a firing pin disposed in the housing and movable toward the chamber; a blocking member movable into and out of engagement with the firing pin; including and an actuator pivotally mounted to the frame that disengages the blocking member from the firing pin when the magazine is inserted in the pistol and engages the blocking member with the firing pin when the magazine is removed from the pistol so that the firing pin is prevented from moving toward and contacting a cartridge in the chamber, wherein the actuator is an ejector that expels spent cartridges from the pistol. The claimed autoloading pistol above including the features set forth above with an actuator that disengages the blocking member from the firing pin when the magazine is inserted in the pistol and engages the blocking member with the firing pin when the magazine is removed from the pistol so that the firing pin is prevented from moving toward and contacting a cartridge in the chamber, the blocking member further comprises a shaft with a laterally-protruding flange, the flange movable into and out of engagement with the firing pin. The claimed autoloading pistol above including the features set forth above with a blocking member engageable with the firing pin and movable between a first position in which the blocking member does not engage and block forward movement of the firing pin, and a second position in which the blocking member engages and blocks forward movement of the firing pin; and a blocking member actuator that holds the blocking member in the first position when

supported by a magazine inserted in the frame, wherein removing the magazine from the pistol displaces the blocking member actuator in a first direction to concomitantly move the blocking member to the second position in which forward movement of the firing pin toward the chamber is blocked, wherein the blocking member actuator is an ejector that ejects spent cartridges from the pistol. The claimed autoloading pistol above including the features set forth above with a blocking member engageable with the firing pin and movable between a first disengaged position in which the blocking member allows the firing pin to move toward the chamber, and a second engaged position in which the blocking member does not allow the firing pin to move toward the chamber; a biasing member urging the blocking member into the second position; and, an actuator that contacts the blocking member and is movable in response to inserting and removing a magazine from the frame, wherein the actuator is an ejector that expels spent cartridges from the pistol after discharge; wherein inserting the magazine displaces the actuator in a first direction to simultaneously move the blocking member into the first position, and wherein removing the magazine allows the biasing member to urge the blocking member into the second position and simultaneously displace the actuator in a second direction opposite the first direction.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michelle (Shelley) Clement whose telephone number is 571.272.6884. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday 9-5.

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